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SUBJECT: CINCSOUTH CHANGE OF COMMAND

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1. WE SEE NO REASON WHY SPANISH VICE ADMIRAL MATEU SHOULD NOT BE INVITED TO ATTEND ADMIRAL SHEAR'S CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONIES IN NAPLES ON JULY 18. ASSUMING THE INVITATION AND ACCEPTANCE WERE HANDLED IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD, LOW-KEY FASHION, WE THINK THIS INVITATION WOULD FIT IN WELL WITH THE TYPES OF STEPS WE WISH TO TAKE TO FAMILIARIZE NATO ALLIES WITH SPAIN AND VICE VERSA.

2. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY LATER MISUNDERSTANDING AND TO PLACE SYG LUNS IN A POSITION TO HANDLE ANY POSSIBLE SUBSEQUENT QUERIES FROM ALLIES TENDING TO TAKE A RESERVED VIEW OF CONTACTS WITH THE SPANISH--LIKE THE NORWEGIANS AND DUTCH--WE RECOMMEND THAT ADMIRAL SHEAR ASK GENERAL HAIG TO INFORM LUNS OF PLANS TO EXTEND INVITATION. BENNETT

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